IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a <u>voice</u> telephone call;
identifying a user making the <u>voice</u> telephone call;
detecting an online status of at least one member of a group associated with the user; and
audibly communicating the status of the at least one member of the group over the <u>voice</u> telephone call.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
receiving a password of the user.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
determining the group of members associated <u>with</u> the ~~said~~ user.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
receiving instructions to detect an online status of the at least one member of the group.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a <u>voice</u> telephone call;
identifying a user making the <u>voice</u> telephone call;
receiving instructions to detect an online status of at least a first member and a second member of a group associated with the user;
detecting the first member of the group is online;

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detecting the second member of the group is off-line; and

audibly communicating the detected status of the first member and the detected status of the second member over the <u>voice</u> telephone call.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:

receiving a password of the user.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:

determining the group of members associated with the user. [[;]]

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:

receiving a <u>voice</u> telephone call;

identifying a user making the <u>voice</u> telephone call;

determining a group of members associated with the user;

detecting an online status of at least one member of the group; and

audibly communicating the status of the at least one member of the group over the <u>voice</u> telephone call.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 29, further comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:

receiving a password of the user.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 29, further comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:

receiving instructions from the user to detect an online status of the at least one member of the group.

32. (Cancelled).

33. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

  detecting an online status of a user;

  determining that a first member of a group associated with the user is off-line;

  storing a notification message of the online status of the user in a storage device;

  receiving a <u>voice</u> telephone call from the first member; and

  audibly communicating the notification message stored in the storage device
over the <u>voice</u> telephone call.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:

  determining a user-initiated notification option is enabled.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:

  receiving a password of the first member.

36. (Cancelled).